



Les Nickel, left, who rode his horse from San Antonio, Texas to Ground Zero, spoke during a July 4 memorial ceremony where police officers, fire fighters, and public officials paid tribute to those who died Sept. 11

Local firefighters visit Ground Zero during July 4 commemoration

BY ROBERT J. BANTA
EDITOR

It started with a four-day weekend and a man riding his horse across most of America.

Les Nickel started at the Alamo, with the goal of arriving in New York City on July 4 to participate in the memorial ceremony at Ground Zero.

He rode through Morehead on his way. While here he was greeted and taken care of by Morehead Fire Rescue Station 1.

We put him up for the night, firefighter David Clark said. We fed his horse, fed him and let him stay at the station.

Nickel and his horse left and July 4 got closer. It was one of those things where we knew we had some extra time off because of the holiday, Clark said. So we decided to drive up and surprise Les.

Clark, his son Josh, and firefighters Dennis Walling and Darrel Crawford left for New York City in the fire department's Fire Prevention Van.

Along the way they were put up at Fire Station One in Hagerstown, Penn.

Ferry. The captain of the ferry was also the harbormaster, had been working on Sept. 11.

Dennis Walling remembers the story the harbormaster told.

He made five trips that day, carrying nothing but firemen and policemen into the city. The boat holds 2,500 a trip.

The ferry took the Morehead firefighters and Les to the tip of Long Island, the edge of Manhattan, just six blocks from the spot where the World Trade Center towers once stood.

Ground Zero. In Manhattan, the group was joined by the New York Mounted Police and the group proceeded to Ground Zero.

Try to imagine standing on top of the press box at Jayne Stadium and looking

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9/11 survivor speaks about Trade Center terror attack

BY GEORGE CARTER
STAFF WRITER

The Baptist Student Union held a special Tuesday Night Live service last night in Button Auditorium.

The service, which included the Tuesday Night Live Praise Band and skits, was highlighted by speaker Kyle Crager, an MSU graduate who was working in the World Trade Center at the time of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Crager, whose office was on the 71st floor of Tower 1, was working for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

He said he was standing near his printer during the initial strike on Tower 2.

He felt Tower 1 shake and thought it was falling down.

Crager said after the first strike he looked for members of his team and started to walk down the stairs. It took them 55 minutes to walk 71 stories to the bottom.

He said during the descent he was praying that God would take care of his wife and three sons.

Crager was one-and-a-half blocks from the World Trade Center when the South Tower fell.

I was knocked down by the pressure of the building falling and the debris, he said.

Crager said as he sat on his hands and knees in a dark cloud, he thought he was going to die. He could hear people coughing as their eyes burned and being unable to breathe, move, or see.

Crager said he dealt with the situation by turning to God in prayer.

I can imagine how I could have dealt with it without having a personal relationship with God, he said.

Crager commended the firefighters

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SAC schedules concert Nappy Roots to perform here Oct. 10

BY SHANNON M. PATTERSON
ARTS EDITOR

Tickets for the Oct. 10 Nappy Roots concert went on sale Monday and are selling fast, said Susette Redwine, the University Center program and special events coordinator.

MSU has hosted a mainstream concert in two years but after increased funding, mainstream concerts might be scheduled more often, Redwine said.

Following a revision in the university budget, the Student Activities Council received a large sum of money once included in the Student Government Association's budget.

Redwine said the redistribution of \$49,000 to SAC from SGA has been in the planning for the past 10 years. Because the members of SGA have decided to make the association more of a governing body and less of a programming body, the money has been allocated to SAC.

Redwine said an audit on the budgets for the last five years showed SGA was receiving an average of \$50,000 a year for entertainment. For the past 15 years, SAC's entire budget has been approximately \$20,000 annually.

After the allocation and a budget cut, SGA now receives \$104,000 and SAC is given \$69,000 annually, Redwine said. All money in SGA and SAC's budget is funded through the student activities fees.

Redwine said she has to give credit to Teresa Johnson and Brian Martin, past SGA presidents, who really got the ball rolling on the redistribution of funding.

"SGA will still do some programming, but more along the lines of educational programming and lectures," Redwine said. "SAC's responsibility is strictly entertainment."

Redwine said hosting a mainstream concert on campus costs \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Entertainment agents call the SAC office every day, Redwine said. A Nappy Roots agent contacted SAC during the summer with a concert offer and SAC decided to hold MSU's first concert in three years.

"One student bought 108 tickets today," Redwine said. "I don't know who he bought them for, but he bought them."

Along with Nappy Roots, SAC sponsors hypnotist Tom Deluca every year. Deluca has been honored as the number one college entertainer in the college circuit and has performed at MSU for the past 18 years.

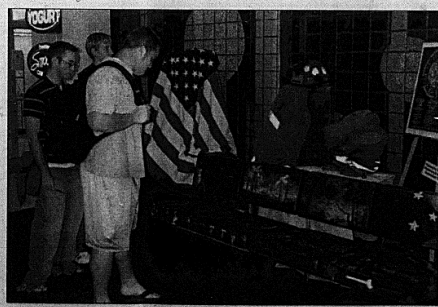
Future plans scheduled by SAC include September 11 remembrance activities, Family Weekend and late night activities in ADUC.

Redwine said SAC is not opposed to input or suggestions. Tickets for the Nappy Roots concert

are \$15 for students with a valid ID and \$20 for all others.

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Students, from left, Joe Jordan, Jeremy Hamilton, and Jason Sparks look at a sofa on display in ADUC. Scenes on the sofa were painted by MSU art students in remembrance of 9/11.

Anniversary events held on campus

STAFF REPORT

This week marked the one-year anniversary of the terror attacks on America. Everyday Heroes: A Celebration of Life, a series of special events on campus commemorated the anniversary.

On Monday, the MSU Panellenic Council, the governing body of fraternities, sponsored a letter-writing campaign to military personnel.

The event gave students, faculty and others a chance to send thank you notes to American forces overseas.

Shannon Hunt, a marketing junior, participated in the program.

We need to honor our soldiers that have gone out there to do their duty, she said. And we need to honor our country.

Students had the opportunity to honor firefighters on Monday at Kappa Delta's 7th Annual Backdraft Games. Kappa Delta and Student Activities Council joined together to honor the Morehead Firefighters in a ceremony at Jayne Stadium.

Senior Jamie Blair, Backdraft chair, said she wanted to plan

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Annual faculty tour benefits students

BY AIGAIL D. MALIK
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New Morehead State University faculty was given a glimpse of the campus community and Eastern Kentucky before classes began this semester.

The Center for Critical Thinking is responsible for the annual two-day New Faculty Orientation Bus Tour. This year's tour included Louisville, Lexington and West Virginia.

Dr. Mac Lueckey, professor of Philosophy and chair of the small committee that organizes the tour, said the event is highly interactive and professors work in groups, discussing teaching styles and getting to know each other.

The tour focuses on the culture of the university and trying to communicate to the students teaching culture and the need for success at MSU," Lueckey said.

Dayna Brown, department chair of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science, said the tour gives new faculty an overall view of different aspects of this specific region.

"Seasoned faculty members go on the tour and answer questions about the region and get to know the new faculty. This helps them casually bond," Brown said.

Provost Michael Moore, who is involved with planning the tour but

was unable to attend this year, said the tour of Eastern Kentucky gives the new faculty a better understanding of MSU students since most of the students are from that area.

Preparation for the tour began early this summer with the distribution of information packets about the university and region, geared mainly toward new faculty not from Kentucky.

Brown said it appeared at least fifty percent of the new faculty on the tour was not from the Eastern Kentucky region.

"We do not want our new faculty to take 10 to 15 years to understand the students here and their cultures," Lueckey said.

The trip began with a look at the university and the surrounding community.

"We do not think this is a generic university. There are feelings in this climate, town, and part of Kentucky that exist nowhere else in the world," Lueckey said. "To focus on similarities [to other universities] rather than uniqueness is maybe a mistake."

For the first time, the tour stopped in Louisville, where refineries, power plants and piles of coal were fore-shadows of approaching coalmines.

In Louisville, the group met with Father Ralph Belting, a native of Newport, Ky., recipient of an hon-

orary doctorate from MSU, and founder of the Christian Appalachian Project.

New retired from the project and serving as a parish priest, Belting responded the organization that is responsible for providing food pantries and over \$95 million in charitable funds throughout Appalachia.

According to the CAP website, the organization is the largest private charity in Eastern Kentucky and is regularly listed as one of the top one hundred charities in the United States.

The program's community development, education and crisis intervention programs serve over a million people each year throughout the 13-state Appalachian region of the eastern United States.

Lueckey said the new faculty members could draw inferences about Eastern Kentucky, its students and their families from Belting.

"In this area there are proud people who are making an effort to make a good life for themselves now and for later and this man [Belting] is helping them," Lueckey said.

Next the tour moved to the town of Inez, Martin County, where faculty had lunch at the home of Jim and Linda Booth.

Jim Booth is an MSU graduate and a member of the Board of

Regents. Booth owns several coalmines and companies that employ over a thousand people around Inez.

"Jim worked his way through college by working in the mines of Inez on the weekends," Lueckey said. "He was from Martin County and he came back and put people in that area to work."

Faculty members then toured the new federal prison in Martin County. The structure was built on land donated by Booth.

"Prisons are becoming one of the growth industries in Eastern Kentucky because they put people to work," Lueckey said. "Sixty percent of the employees at this new prison are going to be from Eastern Kentucky."

The tour's final stop was at the MSU center at West Liberty. Lueckey said the center was housed in an old boarding alley before the new facility was built.

"The facility is astounding," Lueckey said. "It is better than our new academic building."

Lueckey said the trip was an overall success.

"It's all focused on how we can help our new colleagues understand where we've chosen to serve and understand the culture."

Brown said each year the tour travels to a variety of areas in Eastern

Police Report

Sept. 3—Sept. 9

Misty D. Gossett, 18, 171 Indian Drive, Morehead, Ky., was cited Sept. 3 at the Carntell Hall parking lot for driving with a suspended license.

William C. Deringer, 21, 442 Waterfield Hall, was arrested Sept. 3 at Lakeview Terrace for alcohol intoxication.

Amy S. Lundy, 18, 305 Wilder Road, Vinton, Ohio, was arrested Sept. 4 at the U.S. 60 parking lot for criminal mischief, public intoxication, and receiving stolen property.

James Wesley DeLong, 19, 1501 Kemper Hollow, Gallipolis, Ohio, was arrested Sept. 4 at the U.S. 60 parking lot for criminal mischief, public intoxication, and receiving stolen property, and theft.

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"We encourage people to use our new facility to take trips to different areas of our service region, to visit state parks. There are so many places they can visit throughout the year," Brown said.

The new faculty members appreciate the exposure to the cultures of

Jonathan R. Roberts, 22, 2435 Ontario St., Flanswood, Ky., was arrested Sept. 5 at the parking lot behind Regents Hall for alcohol intoxication.

Matthew T. Moore, 25, 8031 U.S. Highway 60, Olive Hill, Ky., was arrested Sept. 6 at Mignon Tower for alcohol intoxication.

William J. Thacker, 23, 204 Alumni Tower, was arrested Sept. 6 on Vaughn Drive for alcohol intoxication.

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Local firefighters visit ground zero

From front

ing out at two football fields side by side. It was that big and that deep and it was empty except for what equipment they had," Clark said.

Les spoke briefly as part of the memorial ceremony. The Morehead firefighters watched from a steel cinder block standing in the wreckage following the attack.

In the fire, in the smoke, in the knots of steel, somehow a symbol of faith had been formed.

"It was a beam of steel that after the attack and all the wreckage was cleared, these beams of steel in the shape of a cross still stood," Clark said.

While in New York, the Morehead firefighters visited several fire companies — companies absolutely decimated by the Sept. 11 attacks.

"They were just getting over what happened," Clark said. "Things were just getting back to normal for some — starting to smile again. Some guys were leery of talking about it, but some guys opened up."

They visited Rescue One, the first fire company formed in New York City. They visited Station Five, where the original Ghostbusters was shot. They visited the men of Truck 54, who lost 15 men on 9/11. They visited Ladder Four who lost everyone.

Walling said the crew members of Ladder 8# were across town get-

ting their physicals when the attack came. They would have been the first company to arrive at the World Trade Center. They commanded some civilian vehicles and made their way back to the station.

"They got there when the first body was coming down. Some one was jumping out of the building," Walling said. "The captain watched it come all the way down. He said it hit an awning and he just saw red come up."

On the way to the towers, the Ladder 8# crew saw a preacher.

"They huddled together and said a quick prayer then it was like 'guys we've prayed, time to go to work.' So they just went in and did their jobs," Walling said.

Ladder 8# was moving victims to a triage area, a kind of temporary hospital near the second tower when the first tower began to fall.

"The captain just ran until he saw water and he wasn't sure whether to jump in or lay on the bank," Walling said. "That's how chaotic it was. This guy who had been a firefighter forever and he just didn't know what to do. He got tackled by a Chief Officer and they huddled together until the smoke cleared."

Walling said, when the smoke finally cleared, Ladder 8# was scattered. All the companies were scattered. The remaining men went into what firefighters call freelaying — working on their own doing what ever needs to be done.

Firefighters are always teamed with someone else, Walling said. But when the smoke cleared, no one knew where anyone was. Those remaining didn't know if the others were even alive.

"Walking back they saw all this fire gear on the ground," Walling said. "We take off our gear a certain way so we can get back into it quicker. These firemen were shedding their gear so they could run quicker."

They were running barefoot through the city streets. That's how bad it was."

Firefighting in New York is often a family thing. On Sept. 11 fathers lost sons. Brothers lost brothers. Sons and both. A great deal of tradition is involved.

Men often work at the same firehouses and ride the same trucks as their fathers and grandfathers.

Rescue One used every firefighter — the unit even lost its truck, Walling said.

"To be a fireman assigned to a truck, that's a tradition," Walling said. "And to lose a generation of firefighters, that's a big gap — that's a tradition that's kind of ended. We lost three firefighters a few years back and we talked to guys who lost people on Sept. 11 exchanging stories, and the loss — it's the same. The job's the same. Firefighters are family. Firefighter's are firefighters no matter where you are or when it is."

On their way back from New York the Morehead firefighters stopped in Lancaster, Penn., again staying at the local fire department. The next day they traveled to the National Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Md., where they visited the marker for three Morehead firefighters lost in 1999 fires.

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"In New York, we were just walking down the street in our fire department T-shirts and people would stop us and tell us how much they thought of us," Clark said.

"We'd tell them we were just with a fire department in Kentucky and they'd say they didn't care where we were from, they wanted a picture taken with us."

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The ladder truck for Rescue #1, the oldest fire station in New York City. Rescue #1 lost all of its firefighters on Sept. 11.

From front, Attack

ers and police officers who were going up the stairs looking for people to rescue as he was going down.

"I have hope because these heroes showed me the goodness of man," he said.

Cramer said the events of Sept. 11, have changed his life by allow-

ing him to focus on his relationship with God.

He asked all in attendance to consider whether their lives have been changed by the events.

Photo by David Clark



STATE & NATION

Meth labs a rising problem in Eastern Kentucky

BY NICK DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

On Aug. 9 three men were arrested in Williamsburg, Ky. for the possession of 16 lbs. of methamphetamines. On Aug. 26 three people were charged for transporting 29 pounds of methamphetamines in London, Ky.

The two meth cases in August originated from the southwest United States, police said.

According to police reports, before the month of August, the majority of meth cases in the area involved an ounce or less.

Police said the majority of the meth confiscated can be traced from large super-labs in Mexico and the Southwestern United States.

"It began a little over two years ago and it has become a tidal wave across the United States," said Wayne Mayfield, commander of the Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement Section.

Police say the threat of large methamphetamine labs in Kentucky is very much

real.

"It's certainly heading our way," Mayfield said. "We find new meth labs

everyday. Most are the small self-contained nazi-dope labs, since they resemble the nazi chemical labs. The other type is the red phosphorus lab and they are easy to get supplied because of the agricultural area."

Use of meth by young people in Kentucky is also on the rise — 12.7 percent as opposed to 9.1 percent of teens nationwide, according to DEA reports.

Methamphetamines are highly addictive stimulant drugs that elicit certain systems in the brain. Methamphetamines are sim-

purposes such as the treatment of extreme obesity.

Common street names for methamphetamines are meth, speed and ice.

Methamphetamines enhance mood and body movement by stimulating brain cells. Over time, brain cells are damaged, which results in decreased motor skills. Irregular heartbeat, anorexia, and respiratory problems are health hazards caused by methamphetamine use.

In addition to the health and crime hazards, officials say there also are environmental dangers linked to methamphetamines. The high concentration of the chemicals involved in the creation of meth pose a serious threat to communities and law enforcement.

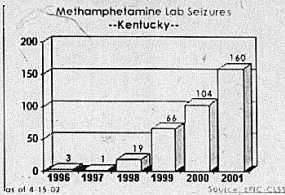
"It's a big problem for police agencies because of the danger involved. With all the chemicals there have been instances of loss of life due to explosions," Mayfield said.

There are signs to look for if you suspect that a meth lab is operating in your community. Strong odors similar to fumes, nail polish remover and cat urine, houses with windows boarded up or blacked out, and unusually high traffic at a neighborhood location.

There were 156 Kentucky meth labs investigated in 2001 according to KSP reports. As of July 31, 174 meth labs have been investigated.

"Those numbers are probably lower than they actually are because a lot of the small meth labs aren't reported by some police departments," Mayfield said.

"We'll easily double last year's number. And the year after that we will probably double those numbers."



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Students offer ideas for World Trade Center reconstruction

By Fred Baerckircher

Colorado Daily (U. Colorado)

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. —

The scars of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks cannot be healed by simply replacing the buildings that were destroyed.

That's the message a group of University of Colorado architecture and engineering students worked with in developing seven proposals for potential redevelopment at the World Trade Center site in New York.

Scott Sworts, a CU architecture professor, has been working with students over the past year to develop plans that are appealing to residents near Ground Zero. He explained that official plans presented to the public so far by the

Lower Manhattan Development Corp. have met with tremendous disapproval by those living nearby. Those plans, Sworts said, concentrate heavily on replacing lost office space.

Sworts said his students presented their designs to the Rebuild Downtown Our Town, a grassroots organization that has in turn been providing input to the LMDC.

Jason Gordon, a civil engineering student at CU, said an Internet petition has been circulating to gain support for opening up design considerations to an international competition. The site, www.phoenixUSA.org, has so far netted some 10,000 signatures.

Sworts noted that traditional designs are not always ideal for

such undertakings. Open competitions have been successfully used in the past, he said, to generate immensely successful designs, such as the Vietnam War memorial in Washington, D.C., designed by Maya Lin.

"Maya Lin was an unknown," Sworts said. "She won the design because she was so visionary."

He said the students' ideas exhibited much of the same creativity and effectiveness that made Lin's Vietnam memorial so much more effective than the traditional Greek-inspired design originally planned.

"This is some pretty amazing work here," Sworts said.

Memorial Events Throughout the Week

Wednesday, Sept. 11

"Celebration of Life," speeches, playing of "Taps," retiring of colors, Little Bell Tower, 7 p.m.

Concert: "Recycled Percussion," Button Auditorium, 8 p.m., free.

Faculty Forum: "The War Against Terrorism: A Discussion of US Options," faculty panel will include: Ric Caric, professor of government; John Hennen, associate professor of history; Mike Hall, assistant professor of government. Yvonne Baldwin, chair of the Department of Geography, Government and History and associate professor of history, will moderate. Rader Hall Room 112, 6 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Department of Geography, Government, and History, and the Office of the Provost.

Thursday, Sept. 12

Campus Unity Mural Painting, All-American picnic, games, music, Laughlin Health Building lawn, 5-7 p.m., free.

Faculty Recital Showcase, Duncan Recital Hall, 8 p.m., charge.

Campus event honors local firefighters

From front, Events

Activities Council was making September 9-14 "Everyday Heroes: A Celebration of Life Week."

"Backdraft" is a unique event that involves the community outside of campus, and the firefighters enjoy being a part of this activity," Blair said.

Backdraft was started with a ceremony honoring the Morehead Fire Department. There were about 20 firefighters from Morehead Fire Rescue Station 1 in attendance.

Meredith Miller, SAC President, said, "After September 11 everyone realized how important firemen are, and we thank you for the support on campus and in the community."

Miller then asked for a moment of silence as Amy Aschenauer, a sophomore member of SAC, read

the poem "Fireman's Prayer."

Everyone in attendance honored the firefighters in a standing ovation. The money collected will be put into a fund called Dalmatian Dollars. The fund total is to be presented at a later time.

Student Activities Council created Dalmatian Dollars as a way for students to donate money to the Morehead Firefighters in appreciation for the work they do for the community and campus.

The Dalmatian Dollars fund will be used to purchase new equipment for the department and to support fire fighters.

Miller said, "At least \$300 has been donated from campus organizations and we hope to at least receive \$500."

Miller said SAC decided to start Dalmatian Dollars because the

events of September 11, 2001, had a great deal to do with the tribute to the firefighters.

Miller said she hopes to see the Dalmatian Dollars contribution become an annual campaign for Morehead Firefighters, and also hopes to see a much larger goal met next year.

The little bell tower tolled this morning at 8:42, the time that the first plane hit the world trade center, and a minute of silence was observed on campus.

At 12:30 today, a "Circle of Closure" memorial ceremony was held at the Claypool-Young Art Building. The event included a smudging ceremony and the retirement of a sculpture created in honor of those who lost their lives in the tragedy.

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Freedom is the greatest weapon against tyranny

BY ROBERT J. BANTA
EDITOR

"One day — the greatest weapon against tyranny will be freedom everywhere."

Thomas Jefferson said that. I heard it while watching a program about Frito-Lay potato chips and how they're trying to get people all over the world to eat them. It turns out Chinese people won't buy potato chips because they can buy a whole bag of potatoes for less than a bag of Lays. Makes sense.

Sept. 11, 2002. One year. It's hard to believe. They say time starts to go by faster as you get older, but that doesn't exactly hold when time stands still.

I was in the lobby of Cooper Hall when the second plane hit.

The first question that came to my mind, the question that I'm still asking as I write this one year later, is why? It was a military act on a civilian populace.

It was the first attack on American soil since the War of 1812. Hawaii had not yet become a state when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941.

A lot of the world doesn't like us. Some in the world hate us bad enough to kill us. They consider us all enemies.

Some of these people call Sept. 11 retribution for decades of exploitation by America of third world countries. At least that's what they say. Maybe they're right, I don't know, but I think they're blaming the wrong people.

America maintains military bases in countries where it's an affront to people's pride, honor and culture to do so. But I'm not maintaining any military bases and I don't think the people on those planes or in the World Trade Center were either.

So did we have it coming? Maybe. It depends on who you ask. America has done some bad things in its 226 years, but it's done a lot of good too. And you can't blame the bad things on honest, everyday, hard-working people. That's what the rest of the world needs to understand — that 99 percent of Americans are just honest, everyday, hard-working people trying to get by.

So maybe a better question is: Did we deserve it?

No. "One day the greatest weapon against tyranny will be freedom everywhere."

Thomas Jefferson said that too, but he was only half right. One day freedom will be the greatest weapon against evil. Against terror, oppression, fear, want. It's the key that's going to open it all up for everyone.

So if you're still angry at America, give us a break. We're making this whole democracy thing up as we go along. This is an exceptional nation. This is my nation. America.



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Commentary

Lingh gave a face to the terror

BY MATT ALLEY

POLITICAL COLUMNIST

Most people, when they recall the events of 9/11, will remember the World Trade Center being blown apart or, perhaps, the overwhelming feeling of renewed patriotism that swept the nation. But for me, the memory will be of John Walker Lindh.

Perhaps it's the fact that I am an overly-politically-minded person or that I am 28 years old and reflect-

ing more on my life now than ever before.

Simply put, I recall the things I believed in when I was 20 that are far different than the way I think now, eight years later.

When Lindh was captured during the invasion of Afghanistan last year, his mug was plastered all over television sets and was on the cover of every news publication throughout the United States. From the outset, it would almost seem the media worked hand-in-glove with the Bush administration to turn public opinion against Lindh, label-

ing him the "American Taliban."

downplaying the blatant unconstitutionality of his treatment and leading the call for his execution as a traitor.

The most serious charges against Lindh — that he attacked Americans or played a significant role in either the Taliban or Al Qaeda — were so transparently false that the Justice Department chose instead to proceed only on the lesser charges of providing services to the Taliban and carrying weapons in that service, for which Lindh was handed a punitive 20-year sentence.

John Walker Lindh didn't arrive into our culture as public enemy number two, behind Bin Laden, in a vacuum. There is more to the story than meets the eye.

I don't condemn what he did. Still, he's a 20-year-old kid. Exactly the same age of many students on this campus. Would I be upset if one of our own suddenly turned up fighting for the Islamic Jihad? Sure. Absolutely.

Fundamentalism, as practiced by the Taliban, is the enemy of real thought, and religion too.

But there are circumstances. Most reports show Walker was from a very behaviorist household. His father had just come out of the closet. It's hard to say how that

played into Walker's mind. He went to Yemen because that's where they teach the purest kind of Arabic. He didn't just sit on the couch and watch the idiot box, get depressed and complain. He was a smart kid, he graduated from high school early, the culture here didn't impress him, so he went out looking for something to believe in.

Is John Walker Lindh a traitor? Yes, he fought alongside an enemy of the United States. But Lindh was never found to be anything more than a foot soldier for the Taliban — not quite Bin Laden. But we needed a face to put on the enemy to ensure it looked like President George W. Bush's war on terrorism was nothing along.

Ultimately, John Walker Lindh was a footnote to the story of Sept. 11 and its aftermath. When he is released from prison, as a still relatively young man, it may not even be news — which ought to be fine by most Americans. This young man may have made some mistakes, and some of those mistakes merit reasonable punishment. But it was always absurd to suggest that a confused kid from California deserved death — or even life imprisonment — for following unpopular views to the wrong place at the wrong time.

CAMPUS COMMENT

An emotional debate surrounds rebuilding the World Trade Center towers. What do you think should be built at Ground Zero?

Karen King
Pikeville, KY
Sophomore
Communications Major

"I think they should go ahead and rebuild the towers with a memorial of all the victim's names."



Dr. Hastings
Professor of Spanish

"I think they should build some kind of memorial but I don't think they should rebuild the towers. Make prominent those who were trying to save people and the victims' names should be listed."

Bobbie Hutchinson
Ashland, KY
Freshman
Criminal Justice Major

"All of the area shouldn't necessarily be a memorial but some of it. There should be a list of names like the Vietnam Memorial."



Jana Goodan
Morehead, KY
Sophomore
Elementary Education Major

"It doesn't really matter because they're building both anyway."



Pointers for good sidewalk etiquette

BY DUSTIN HAWKINS
COLUMNIST

Forget the campus-parking problem. Stop complaining about the 24-hour dormitory lockdown. We have a worse situation on our hands: Students who lack sidewalk etiquette.

I'm sure you've noticed them — the students who insist on socializing in the middle of the sidewalk while you're trying to get to class. The students who want to take up the entire sidewalk by walking side-by-side with four or five of their friends. The slow walkers (who are physically able to walk faster) and the people who expect you to move because they can't grasp the concept of keep right: pass on the left.

These students are more prominent this semester than ever before. In order to achieve an orderly campus experience I have compiled a list of simple pointers students can follow.

Walk on the right. We drive this way. If you make sense, we drive this way.

Don't stop or stand on the sidewalk. The whole point of a side-

walk is to WALK. If you have to socialize, step to the side.

Don't smoke and walk. I don't smoke and personally I don't appreciate smoke being blown in my face while I'm crossing campus. I also don't like having to dodge lit cigarettes in the hands of careless people.

Just because your cell phone rings doesn't mean you have to slow down. If you have to talk while you walk, the least you can do is go with the flow.

Don't sit on the concrete ledges that line the sidewalks. Campus officials have created entire areas for people who like to sit. Utilize these places.

Don't scream at friends 100 yards away. All of us don't want to hear about your party plans.

When you are waiting for the ATM, stand to the side. There is absolutely no need to block passersby just because you want a couple of bucks.

Don't intentionally walk slowly just to be cool. I see physically fit students walking extremely slow a peak hour. And while we are on

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CAMPUS LIFE

With the sun in their eyes and wind in their hair ...

Students, faculty have motorcycle mania

BY LUKE MEIGHAN
STAFF WRITER

The life of motorcycle riders doesn't always consist of watching an old copy of Easy Rider then cruising down a desert highway with wind-blown hair singing "Born to be Wild." If it did, some riders decided to take a detour off that highway and ended up residing right here in Morehead.

Drew Carhart is a 2001 graduate of Morehead State and owns the Cycle Street Connection in downtown Morehead and loves riding.

"I hate driving a car," he says. "(Riding) is the most addictive thing I've ever done...I've never been burnt out on motor cross."

Brandon Boggs was a student at Morehead State until an accident caused him to take time off due to upcoming surgery. He loves riding

too and didn't let the incident wreck his desire to ride.

"I love to ride if the weather is permitting," he says. Despite his love, Boggs says he enjoys riding bikes over cars because of the "fun factor."

A survey was done a few years ago and appeared in the Lexington Herald-Leader about motorcycle riders which showed most riders, when listing their favorite movies, listed Jerry McGuire and relatively few listed Easy Rider.

"I like Easy Rider," Boggs says, "but I don't like how they get shot at the end...like stupid movies that make no sense."

If motorcycle riders tend to get stereotyped, it doesn't seem to bother Carhart.

"I don't know what people say," he says.

According to the Morehead State Security Officer, parking passes for motorcycles are stickers rather than tags and riders can park anywhere designated for student parking.

"I ride my motorcycle just for fun," Tim Creekmore, MSU Communications Department Student Supervisor says. "It's very possibly one of the top five physical sensations of all time...it's like flying, only you're really close to the ground."

As for helmet laws, Creekmore says he thinks it should be a personal choice on whether they should be worn.

Dr. Brian Reeder, a biology professor says, "I don't ride to become part of some social cause; I ride because I like to. I feel alive and part of the environment when I am not enclosed in steel."

But the danger of riding an "unenclosed" vehicle is an issue brought up by cyclists. Some say helmet laws actually impair a rider's hearing and choose not to wear them. Reeder prefers to wear his full-face helmet and armor yet still disagrees with the laws.

"I think the government should stay out of issues of personal choice unless somebody is harmed."

"It is interesting that some states do not allow you to ride with earphones in your helmet but to wear them, and the deaf are permitted to drive," he says.

Reeder says one of a motorcycle rider's concerns is people in cars.

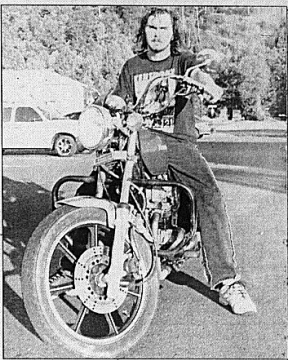
"A car driver's bumping another car results in minor damage to both cars; bumping or throwing things at a motorcyclist is attempting murder...their actions are just more

grave when you don't have some steel between you and them," he says.

As for the reputation of motorcycles, Reeder says, "Motorcycles

have been described as 'the perfect vehicle.' It's a fun and exhilarating way to get where you need to go."

Luke Meighan can be reached at 783-2997.



Sophomore Jon Wise on his Kawasaki.

Photo taken by James Polk

Students say library lacking

BY JAMIE HAMMONS
STAFF WRITER

Some MSU students say the MSU Library either does not have enough resources or they think the MSU library is not up-to-date.

Senior Holly Beach said she thinks that the library seems to be limited to studies of this region and she usually goes to the University of Kentucky's library when she needs to do research on other countries.

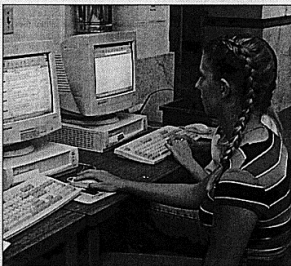


Photo taken by Jamie Hammons

Freshman Resha Oakley conducts research online in Camden Carroll Library.

Beach said she feels the MSU library is not current. She says once, when looking for a book on Latin America in the MSU library, she found only one. When Beach went to the University of Kentucky's library, she says she found a whole shelf of books pertaining to Latin America.

Senior Amy Fox says she thinks the resources are very old and, though the online resources are good, it is frustrating when she has

to pay to print them.

Beach says it makes it hard on students if the library does not have what they are looking for and they are not willing or able to travel to another university's library to do research.

Yet, Beach says there are some alternatives, including the Interpersonal Library Loan.

Director of the Camden Carroll Library Larry Beant says the Interpersonal Library Loan is an office where a person can go to request a book or journal not available at the MSU library from another college. This makes it possible for students to obtain research materials that MSU does not have, he says.

Beach says the one reason the MSU library may not be current could be due to the amount of funding they receive.

According to Morehead State's Operating Budget for 2002-2003, the library is recommended to receive \$2,680,020 or only 3.7 percent of the university's total budget. Others tend to think the library is modern.

According to a satisfaction survey conducted by the library in spring 2002, 73 percent of the students surveyed said they were extremely satisfied with the library's

book collection. Only 27 percent said they were somewhat or not at all satisfied.

The survey also reported 74 percent of students surveyed were extremely or very satisfied with the journal or magazine collection. Only 26 percent of students surveyed were somewhat or not at all satisfied.

Special Collections Librarian Clara Keyes says that the library is current and has many things to offer students, including online services such as databases.

Keyes says the library subscribes to more than 10,000 journals online and offers a collection of many books online, called Net Library.

The library also offers a suggestion box in which a student can make suggestions for books or periodicals they think the library should acquire. Students can also make suggestions online.

Keyes said students could also let their professors know they are unable to find the materials needed for their research since faculty generates suggestions for some of the purchases made by the library.

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Health and ethics prompt vegetarianism

BY MIRANDA WILSON
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Plato did not eat meat. Neither did Da Vinci. Truck star Cat Cora, twice doesn't eat meat, nor does actress Alicia Silverstone.

An increasing number of health conscience Americans are passing up meats and opting for fruits, vegetables, and grains, according to a recent article in Time Magazine. But some people forego eating meat for other reasons.

Senior Dyanne Armstrong-Booth says her choice to not eat meats was based on morals.

After researching large-scale meat production companies, Armstrong-Booth says she was appalled by the conditions.

"They don't take care of animals the way they should," she says.

As a veterinary technician, Armstrong-Booth has worked with animals for seven years and has supported animal rights causes.

"I love animals more than anything in the world," she says.

A vegetarian for nine years, Armstrong-Booth says she still incorporates some dairy products and eggs into her diet.

Associate Professor of Philosophy Wendell O'Brien is also a vegetarian who continues to eat dairy products.

O'Brien says becoming a vegetarian initially his wife's idea, and they have continued the lifestyle for 22 years.

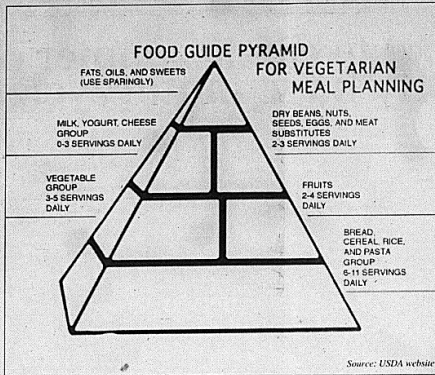
O'Brien and his wife also have raised two vegetarian daughters. Several years ago, says PETA (People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals).

"Vegetarianism typically refers to not eating any type of meat. Vegetarianism is the more extreme type of vegetarianism eliminating all meat, dairy, eggs, honey, fish, and all other animal products. This includes wearing leather. Semi-vegetarians may skip over all meats except for chicken, turkey or fish."

"Philosophy professor and former vegan Jack Weir was asked to alter his diet by doctors after he experienced some health problems, including a 20-year period anemia. After 20 years of vegetarianism, he has begun adding meats and animal products to his diet to improve health."

In getting enough nourishment from a vegetarian diet, "most people can, but some people can not," Weir says.

Sam Larson, a certified athletic trainer, says a vegetarian diet is a healthy diet if it is regulated correctly.



Source: USDA website

"You have to do it right. If you don't get enough protein in your diet you can have problems," Larson says.

Armstrong-Booth says she has never had any medical problems related to her lifestyle.

O'Brien also says his and his family's health has not been negatively affected by vegetarianism.

Larson says meat is an important source of protein, vitamins, and iron, which are needed to prevent anemia.

It is important to get the essential nutrients found on a vegetarian diet, she says.

"[Vegetarians] need to keep track of how much protein they eat," she says.

Larson says protein-rich vegetarian foods include beans, nuts, peanut butter, and soy-based products.

Athletes can also be vegetarians without any adverse effects to their performances if done properly," Larson says.

Junior transfer student Paige Griffin is one such vegetarian athlete who has had no performance problems.

A former lacrosse player from Vermont, Griffin was born into the Seventh Day Adventist religion in which vegetarianism was a religious practice.

The Seventh Day Adventist sect believes only things grown in the Garden of Eden, not animals, should be consumed, Griffin says.

"Eating animals is like cannibalism," she says.

Campus Events

September 12-17

September 12

Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity will meet in the conference room in Breckenridge Hall at 5 p.m. For additional information, call 784-8408.

All American Picnic will take place on the Laughlin Lawn from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and will include music, games, and free food.

September 13-14

Curriculum Development Workshop for faculty interested in writing or revising a course with an international component. Registration is required. Contact Robert Franks by calling 783-2096.

September 13-15

Family Weekend will include a talent show, MSU 101 picnic, games, Golf Scramble and other activities. For additional information, call 783-2071.

September 13

MSU 101 picnic will take place in ADUC at 6 p.m.

Student Talent Show will begin at 8 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

September 16-20

Campus-wide Book fair will be held in Ginger Hall Room #305, beginning 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily. Books available include pre-school aged children through adult levels, both fiction and non-fiction selections.

After her parents' divorce, Griffin's mother began eating meat again while her father remained a strict vegetarian, she says.

Griffin has since tried to eat meat due to her anemia, but says food allergies and the taste aversions to meat make her sick.

Like many vegetarians, Griffin says she takes vitamin supplements and calcium to keep her body nourished.

In a given month, Griffin says she spends nearly \$150 on groceries for vegetarian foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and grains.

"You really have to learn how to cook," she says.

Food Services Marketing

Manager Michelle Mullins says new restaurants in ADUC and Alumni Tower now accommodate vegetarian diets.

Mullins says the change occurred after several students made numerous suggestions for vegetarian-friendly foods.

"We've noticed there's not a big population of vegetarians, it's just they have the loudest voice," she says.

Restaurants such as World's Fair in ADUC and Pan Geo's in Alumni Tower offer dishes in which meat is optional. Real Food on Campus located in Alumni is an all-you-can-eat buffet also serving many non-meat dishes.

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New Horizons Fellowship would like to welcome all new and returning students to Morehead State's campus this fall. If you're looking for a place to go to church, let us extend you an invitation to come and worship with us. We're located at 1047 E. Main Street, next to campus. Service times are: Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday worship at 11 a.m., Bible chat at 6 p.m. Sunday, and Wednesday youth night at 6:45. College Students are a large part of our youth group. GOD IS REALLY A BLESSING!!! Look no further for your church away from home. Hope to see ya' soon!!! God Bless. Pastor Dave Keeton (784-9819)

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Homecoming float designs and ideas being sought

BY MIRANDA WILSON
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

With Homecoming fast approaching, designs or ideas for floats for the annual Homecoming Parade are being encouraged.

"Constructing New Traditions" is the theme for this fall. Cash prizes will be awarded for the winning float in the community/civic category and the student category. First place will receive \$1,000, second prize will receive \$500, and third prize will receive \$250.

All community, civic, and student organizations are welcome to participate. Float theme approval forms can be acquired from the Adron Doran University Center's information desk. The completed forms must be received on or before Friday, Sept. 27.

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Students hit road to catch summer concerts

Punk, heavy metal, rock, country bands perform nationwide

BY JASON ASHCRAFT AND NICK DAVIS
STAFF WRITERS

With fall approaching, the summer concert circuit is coming to a close and many MSU students have come back to school with music memories.

From Ozzy to Down From the Mountain, this year has proved to be full of festivals and tours to suit every musical taste.

John Mayer has been touring on and off since January of this year and will continue touring until September 14.

Morehead freshmen Holly Richmond and Christy Cacerelli attended a concert featuring John

Mayer and Guster on July 29 at the Fratz Pavilion in Dayton, Ohio.

Cacerelli said, "We ran outside and it started pouring rain at the concert, but we stayed anyway because John Mayer is awesome. He is so hot."

Industrial band KMFDM kicked off their Stum and Drang 2002 tour on May 31 in Seattle, Wash., and ended at the very same place on July 3. The supporting bands for KMFDM were PIG, Kidneythieves and 16volt.

MSU senior Sara Ramirez attended the June 17 show in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"KMFDM were great. It was

really awesome," Ramirez said. Dave Matthews Band kicked off their annual summer tour on April 4 at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C.

Pausing only to promote their new album *Busted Stuff*, the band will continue touring until Sept. 8. Dave Matthews Band, a favorite among college students, made local stops at Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 8 and in Columbus, Ohio, on August 5 and 6.

"This year's Vans' Warped Tour kicked off on June 21 in Napa, Idaho. Some bands included in the tour's line up were Bad Religion, NoFX, Good Charlotte and Reel Big Fish."

Warped Tour included extreme sports like skateboarding and BMX and featured numerous alternative, punk, ska and metal bands.

Warped Tour finished its summer run in Detroit, Mich., on Aug. 18.

This year's Ozfest will end its run in Dallas, Texas on Sept. 8. The tour features the bands



Dave Matthews

P.O.D., System of a Down, Rob Zombie, Meshuggah, Down and, of course, Ozzy Osbourne.

As always, Ozfest features up and coming artists like Chevelle, Mushroomhead, Otep and 3rd Strike.

The festival was struck with tragedy when Drowning Pool lead

singer Dave Williams was found dead on the band's tour bus on Aug. 14.

Ozzy himself was forced to miss two show dates in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 3 and 4. He passed out after his wife Sharon Osbourne's first chemotherapy treatment for cancer.

The tour has been successful for the band thus far. Numerous concerts sold out on the first day of ticket sales.

Meshuggah and Tomahawk are the two bands supporting Tool on this year's tour.

"Heavy metal isn't for everyone, so many people attended the Down From the Mountain tour."

This tour features artists from the "Oh Brother Where Art Thou?" soundtrack.

Artists include bluegrass legend Ralph Stanley, Alison Krauss and Union Station, and Emmylou



Ozzy Osbourne

Harris.

The tour kicked off in Louisville, Ky., on June 25 and finished in Birmingham, Ala., on August 21.

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Movie Review

FearDotCom should be dubbed worst movie ever

BY DAN AUGUSTINE
The Marquette Tribune (Marquette) U-Write

It seems Halloween has come early this year. Unfortunately, the milk duds are \$3.50 a pack and the festivities are about as frightening as a wet sock puppet.

All journalistic hyperbole aside, "FearDotCom" is easily the worst movie ever made, and if there is any hope for a supposedly scary movie getting a green light in Hollywood again, the cast, crew and director of "FearDotCom" should be run out of town on a rail.

It's a dark and stereotypically stormy night and four bodies have been found with poorly executed make-up blood flowing from their eyes. And fortunately for all of us, the one thing they have in common is the Web site www.feardotcom.com. It was the last thing they ever saw -- gasp!

But fear not, one-dimensional, unknown and excruciatingly am-

teur out-of-work actors are on the case!

Clueless detective Mike Remy (Stephen Dorff) and gem research specialist Terry Housan (Natascha McElhone), in a performance poorly stolen from "Seven," track down the webmaster of a site that kills people 48 hours after logging on.

The problem is, the webmaster of this particular site is a ghost -- kind of. There's no way to really tell because as soon as you start trying to rationally explain how a ghost purchased a domain name, and found server space online to set up a murderous homepage, you'll need to attend to your bloody nose brought on by this insane film.

But the plot thickens. The webmaster ghost of www.feardotcom.com is only trying to obtain help in catching her own killer -- apparently no one ever told her murdering your customers isn't the best of marketing tools.

Because one ridiculous villain

isn't enough, meet "the Doctor," Remy's arch nemesis and med-student-gone-mad who spends his time kidnapping women and murdering

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— Dan Augustine

Night Shyamalan-esque plot twist, this is one of many (emphasis on the word "many") plot holes that will leave you just plain angry and flabbergasted.

An hour and a half of music video special effects and a soul-numbing story line later, you'll realize that not only did this movie lack a coherent plotline, it hardly deserves its self-imposed frightening upbance.

Usually a movie of this caliber

is good for at least half a frightening scene. Not surprising though, while your muscles lighten waiting for that climactic moment when you lift off the seat in horror and shock, you're only setting yourself up for disappointment.

There is nothing even relatively frightening in this paradoxical cinematic disaster.

Once you get over your sense of indifference brought on by the first half hour of the film, you'll be over-

whelmed by the desire to laugh out loud at how seriously this movie takes itself and how poorly the terror of voyeuristic murder is presented. Edgy lines delivered by a cop on the edge will muster laughs only after a backward German punk starts rattling off hysterically in a different language about how a Web site killed his girlfriend.

In all sincerity, the film is milder numbing.

Sidewalk

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the subject, if you can't walk faster on those 6-inch platform slides, consider getting a pair of shoes you can walk in.

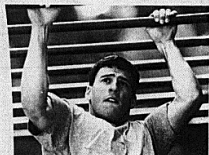
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CD Review

DiFranco's live CD reflects maturity, intelligence

BY SHANNON PATTERSON
ARTS EDITOR

"I don't know why the ---- I play acoustic guitar. Hate that acoustic guitar sound." Ani DiFranco says to her laughing audience. "Someone gave one to me as a child and I just couldn't find anything better to do." The undertone of her smile can be sensed through her words.

Kicking off a new live album by telling her fans how much she doesn't like the instrument she plays so well sounds like an unusual opening. However, throughout her career DiFranco has never been one to fit into a cookie-cutter image.

With her sharp rhythms, mind-piercing lyrics and over-all unique sound, DiFranco's music is obviously just that—unusual. She isn't your average Mandy Shagrilla Moore or even an Avril Jewelantini Branch.

Through her newest live album *So Much Shouting*, So Much Laughter, strangers to her sound can pick up on her liberal political views, feminist ideas and personal

thoughts.

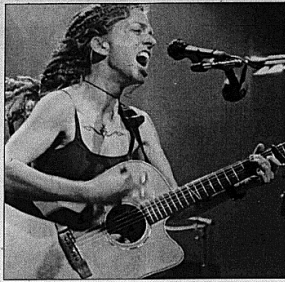
So Much Shouting, So Much Laughter, her first live album since 1997's *Living in Clip*, is a two-hour dual-disc set composed of 24 tracks: 20 songs from throughout DiFranco's career, three previously unrecorded tunes and one poem. Each number has been taken from DiFranco's shows spanning the past two years.

The first disc "*Stray Cats*" contains 11 of her songs. Each tune is performed as versions unheard on any of her other CDs.

"Swan Dive," "Grey," "Napoleon" and "What How When Where" are just a few of the numbers she chose to color the album.

"Shrug" is one of the newest songs. Ronald Ehrke, the author of the CD booklet, wrote that the version of "Shrug" on "*Stray Cats*" was recorded on the first night it was performed onstage.

As opposed to DiFranco's usual acoustic melodies, she works with a different, jazz-funk sound as she presents her audiences with a six-piece band. Other instrumental



Ani DiFranco

sounds used are created with keyboards, horns, bass and drums. The second disc, "*Girls Singing*

Night," takes a step down and is built more like one of DiFranco's concerts.

DiFranco fans will appreciate the original version of "32 Flavours." Other songs include soulful ballads such as "Rock Paper Scissors" and "Reckoning."

The highlight of the entire album is the poem "Self Evident." Written during her Fall 2001 tour, DiFranco speaks the strong words while the instrumental slowly build up to a steady yet haunting beat.

She presents the poem with enough tone, diction and rhythm to make anyone turn their head and listen to her thoughts. She tells of the political issues involved with Sept. 11 such as the presidential election, the media, the towers falling down and spoiled Americans.

You hear her frustration through words such as, "You can keep the pentagon / keep the propaganda / keep each and every TV / that's been trying to convince me to participate in some prep school punk's plan to perpetuate retribution."

Her aggravated humor is evident through the line, "Can you

imagine how many paper-coffee cups would have to change their design / following a fantastical reversal of the New York skyline?" It's simple: this poem made the CD.

Although most of the songs have been recorded after *Living in Clip*, a listener can hear how her lyrics and emotions have grown to span over the past years.

Her maturity is amazing and the sound she produces is hypnotic, although an acquired taste. Her sound is impossible to generalize in a genre and mixes acoustic, punk, jazz, folk, alternative, jazz and funk.

Throughout the album DiFranco communicates with her audience, causing them to laugh, cheer and sing along. As the encore fades from saxophone and keyboard lines into the roar of happy fans, the listener is not left wondering why they're cheering.

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Arts Calendar

The Arkansas Bear auditions will be held on Sept. 11 and Sept. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Kibbey Theatre in the Combs Building. Interested persons need not attend only one night of auditions. Scripts may be checked out in advance by contacting Dr. Travis Lockhart at 783-2167. For information call (606) 783-2170.

The Student Government All-American Picnic, with food games and music, sponsored by the SGA and Student Activities Council will be held Sept. 12, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Laughlin Health Building lawn. A Campus

Unity Mural painting sponsored by the Residence Hall Association will take place during the picnic. For information call Suzzette Redwine at (606) 783-2071.

"Recycled Percussion" will be in concert Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 8 p.m. in Button Auditorium. Admission is free. For information call (606) 783-2071.

The 16th Annual Faculty Showcase Recital will be held Sept. 12 at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall. For information call (606) 783-2490.

The Student Talent Show will be held Sept. 13, at 8 p.m. in Button Auditorium. Comedian Buzz Sutherland will serve as emcee. Cash prizes will be awarded. Donations at the door will benefit the Student Emergency Loan Fund. For information: (606) 783-2071.

"Real/SurReal: Photographs and Prints by Maureen France, Andrew Au and David Mollathate" will be on display in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily until Sept. 27. Admission is free. For information call (606) 783-5446.

Charles Lloyd Caudill, saxophone, will perform his senior concert at 8 p.m., Sept. 15, in Duncan Recital Hall. For information call (606) 783-2473.

New Deal Murals in Kentucky Post Offices in the Kentucky Folk Art Center on Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. For information: (606) 783-2204. Online: www.kyfolkart.org

Goonies will be shown at a drive-in movie on Sept. 14, at 9:15 p.m. on the Laughlin Health Building lawn.

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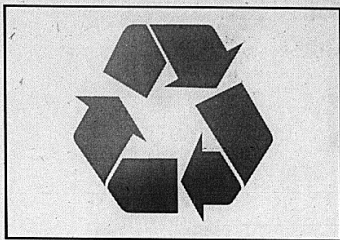
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Campus Environmental Assessment Summary

Ecological Footprint

Redefining Progress Newsletter April 2002, Media Clip

Cars, cows and sprawl are just a few of the factors that account for the gigantic size of the "footprint" Americans make on the global environment, according to a new online yardstick unveiled Wednesday by earth Day network and Redefining Progress. The average American requires 24 global acres to support his or her lifestyle. The United States has just 6 percent of the world's population consumes 60% of its resources. The average Canadian, on the other hand, lives on a "footprint" 30 percent smaller and the average Italian on "footprint" 60 % less. "If everyone lived like the average American, we would need 5.3 planets to support us," said Michel Gelobter, executive director of Redefining Progress. The imbalance is much more pronounced, of course, in the richest countries: The United States, for instance, consumed about 9.7 global hectares per person for 1999, while the United Kingdom commanded 5.4, and Germany took 4.7.



Food Services

- 84% of people surveyed would like to see the cafeteria offer more locally grown foods.
- Alumni Tower food services does not have any recycling receptacles.
- ARAMARK only purchases CFC Free Styrofoam and is currently looking for an alternative to the Styrofoam carry out containers.

Community Involvement

Sixteen MSU Organizations participate in the Adopt-a-Highway Program

Grants

- Of the total amount of grants funded, 1% to 2% are environmentally related.
- As of 7/31/02, MSU has received \$264,017 in environment related grants.

Farm and Greenhouse

- The farm's water and gas consumption has remained relatively constant: however, electric consumption has continually increased.
- The MSU greenhouse has saved more than \$600 this past year by composting and reacquainting old media.

Bookstore and Printing Services

- The bookstore carries a large amount of products with recycled content.
- The multi-purpose paper purchased by printing services for the xerox machines does not have recycled content.

Policies

- MSU does not have an environmental policy addressing environmental sustainability, while 46% of the universities in North America do (Velasquez, 2001).
- The recycling/energy conservation program recently received a grant for the Kentucky division of Urban and Community Forestry, with the goal of implementing an Urban Forestry Program on the campus to serve as an educational resource and planning tool, with the ultimate goal of providing information and resources needed to develop a comprehensive tree policy.
- 52% of those faculty, staff and students surveyed said that MSU is a good environmental steward.
- Most of those surveyed strongly agreed or agreed that MSU has a significant impact on the environment.

Utilities

- The energy conservation program does not actively educate the campus community about energy conservation, but they have tried things such as placing "TURN ME OFF" stickers on light switches in campus buildings.
- Water and coal consumption at MSU has continued to grow.
- Electric consumption decreased in 2001.
- In 2001 MSU consumed 32,877,600 kWh compared to 34,411,200 in 1999.
- Water consumption has increased from 119,068,000 gallons in 1999 to 147,175,500 gallons in 2001.

Solid Waste

- Since the implementation of printing fees in the computer labs, there has been an 85% reduction in the amount of paper used in the labs.
- Only 47% of the students surveyed said they recycle in the residential halls.
- Most students generate less than 2 grocery bags full of garbage per week.
- The amount of hazardous waste generated and disposed of has decreased over the past several years.

Environmental Education

- 75% of MSU faculty, staff and students have never taken an environmental science course.

Grounds

- 10,000 annuals are planted per annum on campus.
- Most of the trees planted on campus are ornamental flowering trees.
- MSU has one native plant bed, located behind Lepin Hall.
- Lack of long term geological planning caused a mud slide behind Ginger Hall earlier this year.
- A majority of the students, faculty, and staff prefer green space and plant variety.

Transportation

- MSU service vehicles drove 373,199 miles in 2000-2001 fiscal year, which cost the university \$48,662.80 in gas.
- The average MPG of MSU's service vehicles is 9.689.
- In the 2001-2002 fiscal year, MSU's state cars (Ford Taurus) averaged 26.5 MPG, and MSU's state vans averaged 12.6.

Golf Course

- Gas and electric consumption at the golf course has continued to increase.
- Water consumption decreased in 2001.

Recommendations

- 9% recommendations have been made based on the environmental assessment findings.



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US Open final is one for the ages



BY GREG DAWKINS
SPORTS
COLUMNIST

Two legends of the game in the twilight of their careers playing in an All-American Grand Slam final, the week of September 11 in New York City. It doesn't get any better than that! What a US Open, and what a final between Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras.

Some say it is Sampras' last, but dare I say he should leave the game on this highlight, as I was born believing he should have retired after the 2000 Wimbledon final in which he broke the all-time Grand Slam tournament champion record with 13, previously set by Aussie "Rocket" Rod Laver — the man a younger Pete idolized as he learned the game.

Sampras slumped after that historic championship, going two years, 33 tournaments without a title. Many contributed it to his 31-year-old veteran body that may have lost a step. Many wrote him off, including me (sorry Pete... my bad), especially after a second round loss this year at the hallowed grounds of Wimbledon. A shock loss at Sampras has made the grass courts in England his own with a record seven titles.

But Sampras said this past week it takes a lot of sacrifice to be the fip of the game and his focus was not just on tennis over the past two years. Despite no titles since 2000 Wimbledon, Sampras remained competitive and didn't fall away completely — but how by Sampras' standards making him the 17th seed for this year's Open.

With a marriage to Bridgette Wilson going on two years (September 30), and a child on the way, life can't be much sweeter for Sampras as everything fell back into place tennis wise as well. The vintage Frits Pele was back as he took control of the match against the teen rival Agassi at Flushing Meadows, Sunday night.

That was also what made it so great — not just Sampras' comeback effort, but also we got to see another chapter of one of the greatest rivalries in sports history. These two men have been the foundation of American tennis over the past 12 years. One first memory of the contrasting pair was when they went head-to-head in the 1990 US Open final. The powerful-serving, classy act of Sampras won that battle over the grungy-looking, aggressive baseline in Agassi.

In a career that would see the pair take the court against each other 34 times, in which Sampras holds a 6-4 win advantage, both have

Eagles beat league rival Valpo: 27-17

KEVIN MCKENZIE

STAFF WRITER

Junior quarterback David Caudill threw for one touchdown and ran for two more as Morehead

State University defeated Valparaiso 27-17 Saturday.

The victory extended the Eagle's winning streak to 5 games, dating back to last season, and

marked the team's first 2-0 start since 1999.

Coch Matt Ballard said he felt pretty good about the good start but also said that there was a lot more

to come.

The Eagle defense forced four Valparaiso turnovers and held the Crusaders scoreless until 3:11 remained in the third quarter.

After a scoreless first quarter, Caudill capped a seven-play, 64-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run with 4:39 left in the second. The conversion attempt was fumbled and the Eagles led 6-0 at halftime.

In a matter of minutes, Morehead added two touchdowns in the third quarter to increase the lead to 21-0. Vincent Hinkle recovered a blocked punt in the end zone and Caudill found Parks for the two-point conversion to give the Eagles a 14-0 advantage.

The Crusaders fumbled the first play of the ensuing drive and Eagle Garrett Pote recovered. Three plays and 15 yards later, Caudill ran 8 yards for the score. Joey Herbst slotted over the extra point to make the score 21-0.

Valparaiso quarterback David Macchi connected with Ryan Barne on a 62-yard pass play to give the Crusaders their first score with 3:11 remaining in the third. Adam Hudak added the extra point to make the score 21-7.

Valpo opened the fourth quarter with good field position after Bryan Hollmerer returned a punt 23 yards. Macchi then connected with Cusey Liddle and Barne on pass plays to put the Crusaders on the Eagle's 3-yard line. The Eagle defense held the next three plays and forced Valpo into a field goal. Hudak added the 30-yarder with 9:23 in the fourth to decrease the MSU lead to 21-10.

Morehead added another touchdown when Caudill ended a seven-play, 60-yard drive with a 7-yard pass play to Ralph Delarzo. The extra point was missed and the Eagles led 27-10 with 3:23 left in

the game.

The Crusaders added a 7-yard touchdown run by Chris Daniels for, the final score at the 0:44 mark, after an eight-play, 75-yard drive. Hudak's kick made the score 27-17.

David Macchi fueled the Crusader comeback in the second half as he completed 16 of 21 passes for 251 yards. However, the Eagles' 21-0 lead proved to be insurmountable.

The Morehead defense was the key, sacking Macchi seven times and holding the Crusaders to 9 yards rushing. "I don't know if we can play any better defensively," said Ballard.

Eagle linebacker Craig Ungert led the team with 9.5 tackles and sacks.

Eagle halfback B.J. Maselli led the team with three receptions for 57 yards and halfback Parks led the team in rushing with 89 yards on eight attempts. Caudill accounted for three touchdowns and 201 total yards of offense.

The Eagles outshined VU by 129 yards, but was beaten in the air by 133 yards in the game.

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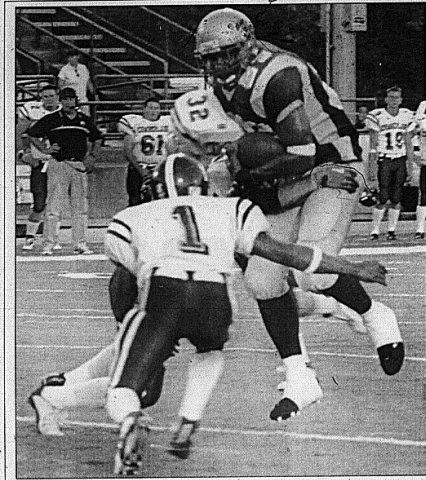


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Senior running back Mark Stephens is met by Cumberland's defense in the August 31 season opener at Jayce Stadium. Stephens gained a total of 69 yards through rushing and receptions in the 31-0 win.

Volleyballers slip to 2-6

Casie Garland
named to all-tournament team

BY BROOKS BEXROAT

STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State Volleyball team lost a five game match at Ball State University Tuesday night, dropping the team to 2-6 for the season.

The Eagles lost the match 25-30, 30-19, 22-30, 30-26, 11-15. It was the team's fifth five-game match of the young season.

Morehead led 11-10 in the deciding match before Ball State rallied for five consecutive points to take the win.

Junior left hitter Cherelle Lampkins led the team with 19 kills and 29 digs. Sophomore setter Casie Garland recorded 42 assists of the team's 55 kills.

For Lampkins and freshman Jennie Barrell it was a homecoming of sorts with the game played in their hometown of Muncie, Ind.

Last weekend, the Eagle Volleyball team found tough com-

potion when they arrived in Hoptwood, N.Y., for the Hofstra Invitational last weekend. Morehead fell to Kansas University and host Hofstra before defeating Saint Peter's.

Morehead fell to Kansas, 30-24, 30-26, 30-19 Friday, and Hofstra beat the Eagles 30-25, 30-20, 30-24 Saturday. Later that afternoon, MSU snapped a 3-game losing streak by hand-

ing Saint Peter's a lopsided loss (30-16, 30-27, 30-14).

Four Eagles finished the game with a .300

or better-killing percentage. Left side hitter Amy Almond led the squad, hitting .486, and middle blocker Tiffany Peters chimed in with a .476 average.

Middle Blocker Jennifer Kennedy recorded a double-double with 10 kills and 15 digs.

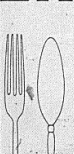
This game was the 43rd consecutive game in which MSU's defense held the opponent to under 300 hitting percentage.

Garland recorded 101 assists and 28 digs, as she earned a spot on the All-Tournament team. She recorded a double-double with 32 assists and 13 digs in the loss to Hofstra.

Garland

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Eagle Notes

Golf team tees off season at SEMO tourney

Southeast Missouri State University hosted the 2002 Harris Invitational golf tournament this past week.

The two-day event, Monday and Tuesday, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., hosted 11 varsity teams including Morehead State University.

The 2002-2003 MSU squad consists of senior Sean Riley of Flatwoods, Ky., senior Josh Earnest of Lawrenceburg, Ky., and three newcomers Kyle Litter, Chad Carroll, and Casey Wade.

As a team the Eagles combined for a score of 866 over three rounds (287, 298, 281), placing them in seventh place.

On the team par 840 course, Ohio Valley Conference (pre Eastern Illinois (852) beat out Saint Louis (853) by a stroke for the tournament win. The host, SEMO, placed third with a score of 854.

Tennessee Tech (858), Murray State (862), and Southern Illinois (865) made the top six in front of the Eagles.

A stroke back from Morehead's squad, Western Illinois and UMKC tied for eighth with a score of 867. Evansville (868), UT-Martin (874), and Lewis (880) rounded out the competition.

The Eagles were led by Riley

with a score of 213 (70, 74, 69). His three-over par tally was seven strokes off first placed Evan Frederick of Saint Louis (206 - 69, 65, 72).

Wade totaled a score of 218 (79, 70, 68) for the second best Eagle score. Litter followed with a 220 total (72, 73, 75), one stroke ahead of teammate Earnest (221 - 72, 76, 73).

Carroll placed 56th of the 60-player field with a 222 total (73, 82, 77).

The conference season for the Morehead State team is in the spring semester. The fall semester consists of four tournaments.

The Eagles will next play at the Beatles Fall Invitational, September 23-24.

Runner Lutes to red-shirt season

Karen Lutes, last year's OVC cross country runner of the year, will sit out this fall as a red-shirt.

The Cynthia, Ky., native won six of eight races entered last season.

Lutes will retain her senior season of eligibility and will return to run for the Eagles next fall.

Lutes may run track this spring. If she opts to red-shirt both cross country and track, she will retain a year of eligibility in each sport.

Lutes will spend the fall semester concentrating on academics.

The Trail Blazer's Student-Athlete of the Week: Christina Moore



Christina Moore

Junior Christina Moore tallied a hat-trick Friday, and led the soccer team to its first victory of the season against Lipscomb University.

Moore netted three goals in this 5-2 win. She also scored a goal in Sunday's 3-0 loss to Western Kentucky University.

The St. Charles, Mo., native, Morehead's most prolific offensive player, extended her career goals to 25 - a MSU record. She also holds the Eagle points record with 65.

The 5-foot-5-inch Eagle forward is a business administration and computer information systems major.

Moore is *The Trail Blazer's* student-athlete of the week.

Drought broken: Soccer team notches one up for the win column

BY ALEJANDRO HERNANDEZ, STAFF WRITER

Breaking an eight-game losing streak dating back to last year, the Morehead State soccer team (1-3) defeated Lipscomb University 5-2 in Nashville, Friday.

The Eagles split their two-game road trip with a 9-3 loss to the Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Sunday.

"We got a good win (against Lipscomb), we were successful in attacking and defending," head coach Leslie Faber said.

With the win Morehead owns a 2-0 advantage over LU.

Junior Christina Moore scored three goals in the game, tying an MSU record for most goals in a game. Moore opened the scoring, netting her first at the 13:18 mark, with an assist by Megan Guinan and Elise Wahlsdorf. The second goal at 22:21 by Moore, assisted by Sarah Graf, gave MSU a 2-0 advantage.

Lipscomb hit back with two goals of its own to square the game at two. Lipscomb's goals came a minute before the intermission and a few minutes after.

Morehead took back the lead and ran away with three more goals. Captains Alison Conley and Tracy Tenholder each scored. Moore scored again for a hat trick and took the MSU career goal record with 24.

Goalkeeper Stephanie Workman registered the win with three saves for the Eagles.

"We still have to work on our team defending a bit," Faber said. "With five freshmen starting most games, we are young and our time will come".

Despite a tight first half, tied at 2-2 with Western Kentucky, the Eagles could not keep up with the Hilltoppers in the second half. The margin dismissed the possibility of a second straight year in which the Eagles played overtime. WKU won the 2001 game 2-1 in double-overtime.

"Sunday was a tough match, we actually had Western with thirty seconds to go in the half and they tied it up 2-2," Faber said.

After the intermission WKU mounted an insurmountable lead, knocking in three goals within the first ten minutes.

"We gave up a few quick goals and laid down," Faber said. "I substituted our goalkeeper late in the second half to give our second one some game time."

Workman and Sarah Clark registered five and four saves respectively for MSU.

Freshman Heidi Dickten put the first point on the board for the Eagles with an assist by Conley, at the 20:24 mark. Moore scored off a ball from Tenholder at the 23:02 mark. The goal extends her career record to 26 goals.

Tenholder also scored, assisted by Heather Leuke, at the 84:50 mark.

Western's forward Allison Nellis did most of the damage to the Eagles, putting away three goals.

"I expect our team to bounce back, learn from our mistakes and continue to fight to win matches," Faber said.

The Eagles host their first season game Sunday at 1 p.m., against Radford University. Radford got the better of MSU last season with a 5-1 victory.

MSU's first conference match of the season will be at home on Sunday/September 29, against Tennessee Tech. In the 2001 season, Tech shutout MSU 7-0 in Cookeville, Tenn.

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Garland said she was more concerned with the team performance than her individual honor.

"Being named to the team was exciting, but we really didn't play well as a team yet. I don't really look at the stats," Garland said.

"This is the toughest schedule we've had since I've been here," said head coach Mike Swan, now in his fifth year at MSU.

Swan said he loaded up a schedule full of top regional teams this year in preparation for the conference season, which opens at home Friday against top regular season champions University of Tennessee - Martin.

In addition to the tough competition MSU has already faced, regional powers Xavier (Ohio), Kentucky, and Ohio University loom on the non-conference schedule.

Lampkins said the tough schedule allows the team to find strengths and weaknesses before the conference season begins; Lampkins, a First-Team All-OVC selection last year, has now recorded at least 10

kills in 44 consecutive matches.

Garland said, "We all have to come out as a team and not get frustrated. We haven't all played our best at the same time yet."

Despite the challenges of the early season, Swan expects more from his players.

"Kansas was a fine team, but Hofstra could have been beaten. We could be 6-1 or 5-2 right now," Swan said.

"We need to be more aggressive and vocal on the court. It's all in our heads. We have the physical ability - it's all mental," Lampkins said.

After earning 23 victories last year, MSU's most since 1994, expectations are high, though respect is still tough to come by.

Lampkins said teams from bigger schools don't take Morehead as seriously as other teams from large universities.

Swan said, "We have problems getting respect. Hopefully that can be motivation for this season."

The Eagles will have an opportunity to gain some of the respect

they seek as they open their conference schedule with UTM, who enter the season as the top ranked team in a poll of OVC coaches.

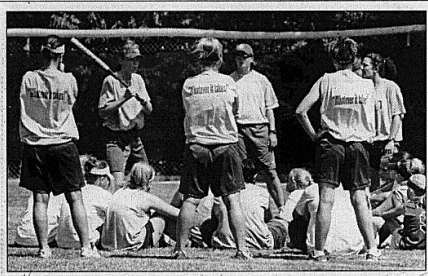
The Skyhawks received 63 points and 71 first place votes in the coaches' poll. Southeast Missouri State University and MSU each received one first place vote, with SEMO picked second with 54 points and the Eagles closely behind with 52.

The Eagles are eager to enter the OVC season, and glad to have a tough early season behind them.

Playing these teams shows us where we're at. It shows the level we can compete at. We'll be at the top of the conference," Garland said.

The Eagles host two conference games for Family Weekend, with UTM Friday (7 p.m.) and Murray State Saturday (11 a.m.). Both games will be played in Wetherly Gymnasium.

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Softball head coach Jennifer VanSickle gives batting tips to girls from grades 5-12 in a clinic Saturday hosted by the Morehead State University varsity team. The clinic covered all facets of the game - defense, pitching, catching and offense.

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Sept. 13	Volleyball vs. UT-Martin*	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Volleyball vs. Murray State*	11 a.m.
	Football vs. Kentucky State	1 p.m.
	Cross Country @ WKU	
Sept. 15	Soccer vs. Radford	1 p.m.
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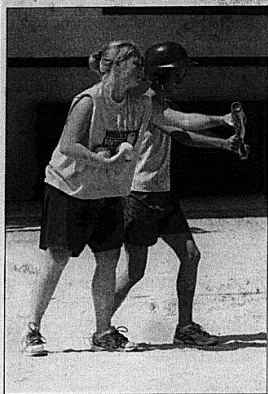


Photo by Greg Dawkins
Eagle junior Brenda Reed leads a helping hand to 11-year-old Dlandra Frisby, of Morgan County, at a softball clinic put on Saturday by the MSU softball program.

A David and Goliath battle

BY GREG DAWKINS

SPORTS EDITOR
The Family Weekend football game Saturday (1 p.m.) will pit state rivals Kentucky State (0-1) against the Eagles (2-0) at Jayne Stadium.

Head coach Matt Ballard is wary of the KSU Thorobreds, likening their offensive line to professional teams.

Ballard said there was not much difference in KSU's front line compared to the Monday Night Football teams - Pittsburgh Steelers and even bigger than the New England offensive line.

"It's unbelievable. The smallest guy is a 270 pound, six-foot-five-inch tight end. Their right tackle is 340, and his back up is 360 pounds," Ballard said. "We are overwhelmed, on paper, by their size and speed."

In only the second year a Ballard led squad has faced Kentucky State, the Eagles look to revenge a 21-14 loss in Frankfort last season.

"One thing we got going for us is that we are playing great team defense compared to last year," Ballard said. "We'll have to find a way to stay on the move. We're concerned about match up prob-

lems but we must take the focus off that and focus on Morehead State football."

In the 2001 contest the



Photo by Greg Dawkins
Sophomore linebacker Craig Unger prepares for Kentucky State yesterday at Jayne Stadium. Unger led the defense with 9.5 tackles and 2 sacks against Valpo.

Thorobreds outrushed the Eagles 294-149 yards. Also in KSU's favor they returned four punts for 104 yards compared to MSU's 2-25, and made three sacks for an Eagle loss of 31 yards.

Quarterback David Caudill was 8 of 18 for 123 yards in the game, compared to 13 yards gained through the air by KSU.

A key to the game, Ballard said, was to improve the running game and make it more effective than it was against Valparaiso.

"We were out of sync offensively last week," Ballard said. "We will need to continue a good mix of run and pass."

"The offense will have to steal time off the clock to rest the defense and get some points on the board," Ballard said.

The series between the two teams dates back to 1967, with Morehead holding a 12-2-1 advantage. The two Eagle losses came on the road (2001 and 1983). The



VS.



Morehead St. (2-0) vs. Kentucky St. (0-1) at Jayne Stadium, Morehead, 1 p.m.
Head-to-head: MSU leads 12-2-1
2001 score: KSU def. MSU 21-14

one drawn game (7-7) was in 1978 at Morehead.

KSU football is a Division II program in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC).

In the KSU season opener against Western Kentucky last week, the Thorobreds were shutout 49-0.

"Let's battle!" Ballard said. "We'll have to find a way to pull this thing out."

Ballard said they had to keep pace offensively, keep KSU off balance by playing sharp and smart football.

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marked their names in tennis history books as all-time greats. Who is the greater of the two will start up a sports bar argument that will last until the final call.

I'll sit on the fence for this one, but Sampras holds the advantage when it comes to Grand Slam titles (14-7) and US Open championships (5-2). Sampras can call the national tournament home with the most titles (5) tied with Jimmy Connors and a remarkable 21-0 record under lights (if you were to count Sunday's final).

Agassi on the other hand, is one of only two male players in the history of the game to win all four

major tournaments (Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open). Sampras always did struggle on the clay at the French Open. Agassi has also won more hard court titles (40-36).

Another fact that made this such a memorable final was the young up-and-comers like Andy Roddick, who have to wait just a little longer. In the oldest final in history,

Agassi-Sampras at 63 years combined, showed they were not ready to hand over the reigns to the young guys just yet.

But rest assured the next generation of American male tennis players is very healthy with the likes of

Roddick and James Blake.

The women's final was also an All-American affair, an All-Williams affair too. The younger sibling, Serena, won her third-straight Grand Slam this year against Venus. In a rematch of last year's prime time US Open final between the Williams sisters, Serena reversed her loss 6-4, 6-2. It's just a fact that the youngest sibling is among the best!

In basketball, news was not as great for the United States. It's been ten years since the original Dream Team, and in the World Championships in Indianapolis this past week it was more like a night-

mare team. No signs of Jordan, Bird, Johnson and crew as the United States' domination of the game ended as Argentina and Yugoslavia both knocked them out of contention.

It will be back to the drawing boards for the US team leading up to the 2004 Olympics and whether or not the dream will be revived with the top dogs of the game trusting their stuff.

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